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HAVING HER SAY



—Shane James

Freshman Business major Sophia Erosa (left) waits to vote at the polls outside the University Center yesterday in this year's Campus Elections. Verifying Erosa's I.D. is Erica Perez, Coordinator of Student Development. Elections continue today at locations across the UTPA campus.

**UTPA athletes
Face cut in funds**

By **JOE LEAL**
The Pan American

In a letter dated August 10, 1998 Lindsay Jacques was informed by the UTPA Financial Aid department she would be awarded a \$7600 grant-in-aid to play Lady Bronc basketball.

Jacques was one of some 30 student-athletes that received similar letters.

Last week, the UTPA athletic department informed athletes the university would not be able to honor its commitment for the rest of the spring semester citing that scholarships had reached their limit.

The cutback applies to athletes in the men and women's basketball and volleyball programs.

NCAA regulations govern the amount awarded to students. According to rule 15.01.7 "... an institution shall not award aid to a student-athletes that exceeds the cost of attendance that normally is incurred by students enrolled in a comparable program ..."

"I don't understand what could have happened," said Jacques. "First they tell me I have hit my limit already and now they tell me I could owe money at the end of the semester."

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Parking meters will be installed on UTPA campus by fall

By **PETER VILLANUEVA**
The Pan American

UTPA will soon have 76 parking meters installed, servicing 146 visitor-parking spaces around campus. The meters are scheduled to be up by Fall 1999.

The proposed meters have been approved by the President's Council and are now being ordered. UTPA Police Chief Howard Miller, who presented the meters to the President's Council, mentioned that the proposal was also approved by the Parking and Traffic Committee — a UTPA Campus Life Committee with voting student members.

The proposal for parking meters came from a suggestion by the Higher Education Transit Study of 1994-95.

The planned meters will be placed throughout the campus parking lots, with 45 of them being placed on lot A-6, located next to the Student Services Building.

According to the UTPA Police Department Parking Meter Proposal, there will be two types of parking meters; "Visitor Only" and "General Parking." Visitor Parking meters will have a maximum time limit of 2 hours. General Parking meters, which are intended for visitors, faculty, staff and students, will have a

maximum time limit of 1 hour.

The proposed fees for using the parking the meters will be 5 cents for 6 minutes, 10 cents for 12 minutes and 25 cents for 30 minutes.

"These new meters will help solve the current visitor parking problems on campus by providing a faster turn over rate of available visitor parking spaces as well as quicker access to buildings. These new meters will also provide higher visibility of visitor parking for campus guests and university students," said Miller.

Miller added that the new meters would grant students access to parking spaces that are currently not as easily available to them.



—Shane James

The installation of parking meters on campus should allow students to take care of quick business without taking the unnecessary risk of getting a ticket for parking violations such as this.



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Rights of passage

STAFF EDITORIAL *The Independent Florida Alligator*

Even more important than the responsibilities we assume when we first arrive at college are the ones we leave behind. If any one event can encapsulate the traditional rites of passage, it is the casting aside of those much-despised shackles of curfews, driving privileges and Clearasil in order to more suitably pursue the coveted Holy Grail of higher education - personal responsibility.

That burden did not come without struggle, of course. It is the culmination of an all out post-pubescent battle that often turned freedom and Friday nights into unfortunate casualties of war.

That definitive trophy of youth has come under fire, however, and colleges and universities across the nation must fight to balance students' needs with administrative objectives, as they try to decide how much is too much regarding an institution's role as a parent by proxy.

Crafting a rational argument for youth is an arduous task, for we are always the first to assert our own high levels of responsibility and maturity. While we appreciate the aegis of hindsight offered to us, we

stand firm behind our intent to dictate the paths we will follow in our lifetimes.

Unfortunately, that is no longer an option for students at the increasing number of universities that have latched onto a new concept that blurs the line between schools as educational providers and as surrogate parents.

Schools have taken this to different levels, ranging from substance-free dormitories and alcohol-free student centers to not allowing parties on campus without a staff member or adult present.

Some have moved Greek Rush Week to the Spring semester to give students a chance to explore other options for campus life. Many more are focusing their attention on Harvard University's "learning community," in which nearly all students live in houses supervised by staff and faculty members.

Administrators say the reason for this is a request many parents are making to ensure their children's college years are not as provocative or free-wheeling as their own. The once-innocent episodes that form the memories they hold onto also conjure the parental urge to protect their children from the same.

Those experiences - likely made without their parents' consent or approval - made them who they are today. The character they exude now is a direct product of the rapture and recklessness of days long gone, but by no means does that obligate us to live vicariously through them.

If some wayward students find it necessary to forfeit their formative years to a board of directors 40 years their senior, so be it. But do not transfer their misguided decision to the rest of us.

If you want us to learn a trade so we can make a living, then by all means, impart your values on us and congratulate yourself on the prosaic, insipid monsters your Orwellian experiment creates.

But if you want us to learn how to live, then let us teach ourselves. Institutions of any kind have no right to act as the arbiter or the source of moral development. We know we will make mistakes and that our actions will be second-guessed.

Maybe our personal achievements will fall short of your expectations. Maybe they will surpass them. Maybe, as Arthur Miller once said, all one can do is hope to end up with the right regrets.

FORUM

Should college professors have to watch their language in the classroom?

Free thought and self-expression have long been associated with college campuses, but some educators are struggling to balance freedom of speech with a person's expectation not to be offended in the classroom.

By KEN SHINE

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Professors especially are minding their words for fear a student will take exception, complain and bring on disciplinary, if not legal, action.

"It's a delicate balance between what some people may consider a hostile environment in the classroom and academic freedom," said Iris Molotsky, spokeswoman for the American Association of University Professors. "We have to be more aware and make sure the students we're teaching are comfortable."

A Macomb Community College student said she found English professor John Bonnell's classroom so uncomfortable she filed a complaint against him in November. The college suspended the 59-year-old professor indefinitely in February.

The student, whose identity is being withheld, said Bonnell regularly used foul language. She said that was offensive, unprofessional and verging on sexual harassment.

Bonnell, whose suspension sparked a protest by students who called him a great teacher, said he was simply teaching literature, the English language and their origins.

relates to what he's teaching.

Bonnell's dispute joins dozens of other collegiate free speech debates around the country. In a recent case in San Bernardino, Calif., a professor was fired for using explicit language. He sued, and the court reinstated him.

"It's a little bit discouraging when students and teachers can't work these things out, or

tion professor at the University of Illinois. In 1991, he helped found Teachers for a Democratic Culture.

"They should open up a discussion on what are the limits to the use of expletives."

Joan Birtin, executive director of the National Coalition on Censorship, said freedom of speech means running the risk of offending.

"The First Amendment does protect the right to say things people don't like; that's what it's all about," Birtin said. "I don't want to say there isn't

codes have not withstood constitutional challenges.

Jim O'Connor of the Cuss Control Academy, in Chicago, finds no fault with the expression of ideas as long as it's not peppered with obscenities.

"I think it's inappropriate," he said. "In an academic environment I think they would be making a stronger attempt to use proper English."

One problem, he said, may be that some professors try to play cool. "They're trying to come down to the level of the students, and I think it's a mistake. If they're talking like a college kid they're not going to get that much respect."

Molotsky of the professors association said schools should act early instead of reacting to complaints.

"There has to be some kind of due process procedure in place that will ensure that students and professors are heard equally," she said. "We have to do this because the college has to be a forum for the free circulation of ideas."

"I think it's inappropriate. In an academic environment, I think [professors] would be making a stronger attempt to use proper English."

— Jim O'Connor

"I never single out a person or small groups. I don't call them words to suggest they're deficient in intelligence," he said, adding he doesn't use "what I call the vernacular and they call vulgar" unless it

the administration can't discuss these things in a civil way. You'd think campuses would have developed machinery for discussing these issues by now," said Gerald Graff, an English and educa-

classroom speech that shouldn't be regulated, but the critical rule is the institution can't be trying to suppress unpopular or controversial ideas."

Some institutions have speech codes. Some of those



Yes...

Milly Cabrera
Junior
Business
Administration

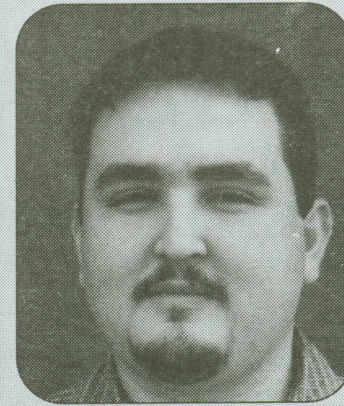
Professors are looked to as role models. Therefore, they should carry themselves as professionals.

Karina A. Gonzalez
Junior
Bilingual Education

Professors should remember that students come from different backgrounds or cultures, and using a certain language may offend them.

Rogelio G. Salinas
Senior
Computer Information
Systems

Professors should watch their language because it may cause conflicts between them and their students.



No...

Jeanette Sosa
Freshman
Biology

Professors should be allowed to use their own teaching method as long as it's not directly hurting a certain person or group.

Tony Rodriguez
Senior
Communication

We are all mature adults. Sometimes a professor has to use a certain type of language to get across certain issues to their students.

MARCH

10 ART EXHIBIT: Works by Master of Fine Arts students will be displayed in the Charles and Dorothy Clark Gallery in the Fine Arts Complex through April 8.

10 ACTIVITY: The Accounting Society will be offering Income Tax assistance from 4 - 7 p.m. in BUSA 112.

11 PRODUCTION: Everyone is welcome to view directing projects done by first-time directing students from Noon - 1 p.m. at the Studio Theatre located inside the COAS building. Admission is free. Audience members may bring lunch and eat while watching the show.

12-14 BASEBALL: Broncs vs. Yale at 7 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m. Sunday at Jody Ramsey Stadium.

12 DEADLINE: Deadline for submitting art, photography, poetry, and prose for entry in *Gallery*, UTPA's literary-arts magazine, in COAS 266.

15-20 NO CLASSES: Spring Break holiday for faculty and students. Classes will resume March 22.

21 CONCERT: The Music Department will present a Faculty Concert featuring John Raimo on piano at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

23 MEETING: The Pre-Medical/Bio-Medical Society will be meeting at Noon in the Science Building, room 1.288. Everyone is welcome to attend.

23 RECITAL: The Music Department will present a Senior Recital featuring Joe Ayala on saxophone at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

25 ACTIVITY: The Office of the Dean of Students, in collaboration with Credit Counseling Services will be offering free credit counseling from Noon - 1:30 p.m. in UC 307 and 307-A. To make an appointment, call 381-2659.

25 PRODUCTION: Everyone is welcome to view directing projects done by first-time directing students from Noon - 1 p.m. at the Studio Theatre located inside the COAS building. Admission is free. Audience members may bring lunch and eat while watching show.

26 CONCERT: The Valley Symphony Orchestra will perform at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. Call 381-3471 for ticket information.

29 REGISTRATION: ASSIST registration (telephone, web, or terminal) by appointment begins and will continue through April 30 for the first summer ses-

sion, through June 11 for the second summer session, and through July 9 for fall 1999.

29 CONCERT: The Music Department will present the Men & Women's Chorus Concert at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

30 MEETING: The Pre-Medical/Bio-Medical Society will be meeting at Noon in the Science Building, room 1.288. Everyone is welcome to attend.

30 CONCERT: The Music Department will present the UTPA Band Concert at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

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Folkloric Dance	381-2230
Intramural office	381-3673
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If your club or organization has an upcoming campus activity, *The Pan American* would like to post it in this Calendar. Send it to COAS 170 by NOON Thursday at least one week in advance.

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Edinburg proposals for events center, Med/Law school continue to advance

City of Edinburg

Edinburg's legislative agenda – which includes proposals for a UTPA Special Events Center, operating funds for the approved \$15 million University of Texas Medical Research Facility and the proposed Texas Tech University law school branch campus – continue to advance in the Texas Legislature, Mayor Joe Ochoa said last week.

The city's wish list, which was delivered to Gov. George W. Bush and Texas lawmakers on February 10, is in good shape as Valley legislators take advantage of their powerful committee appointments on behalf of South Texas, Ochoa said.

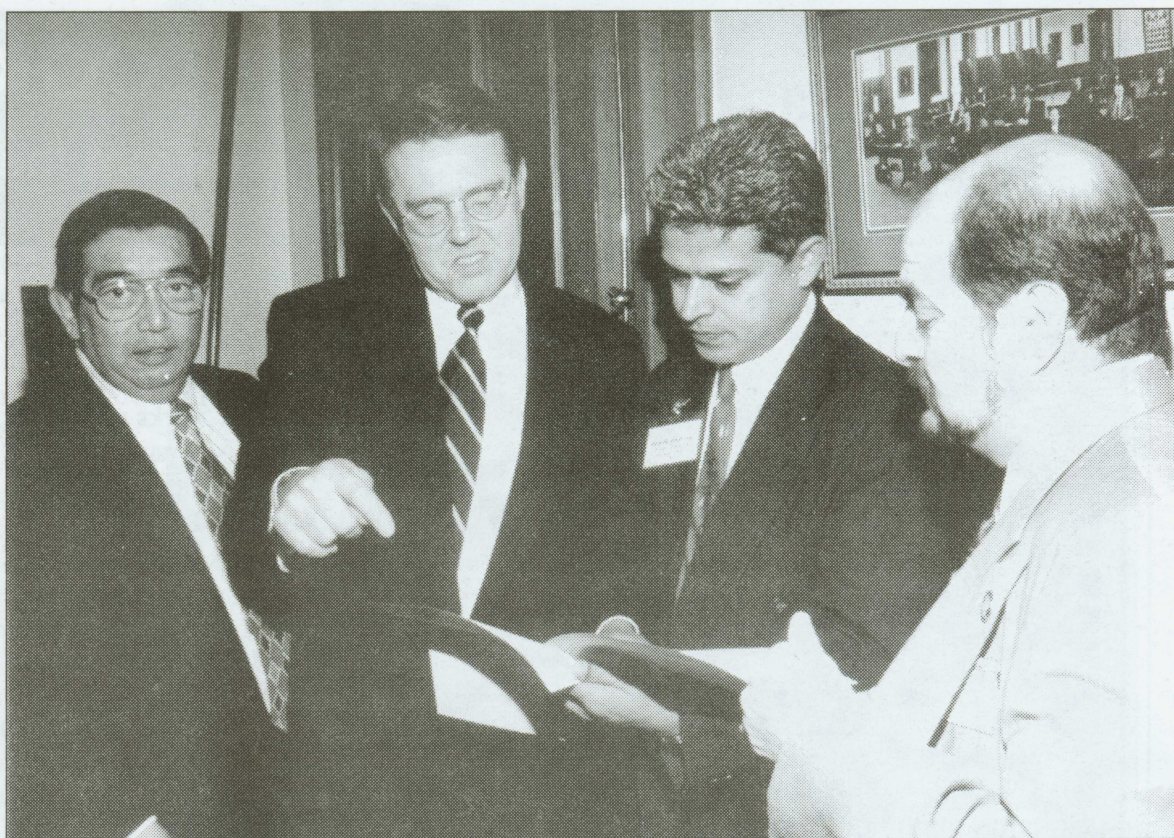
"The increased political power now held by South Texas lawmakers is being felt in the shaping of Edinburg legislative priorities," said

Mayor Pro Tem Ofelia de los Santos. "Valley lawmakers control or sit on committees that decide state funding, water, job creation, and infrastructure proposals. We are able to work for our proposals from a position of strength."

Robert Peña, executive director of the Edinburg Economic Development Corporation, returned from Austin on Friday following two days of meetings with Valley lawmakers and top state agency leaders.

Peña, one of the leaders of the Texas Border Infrastructure Coalition, also testified before a Senate committee in support of a \$1 billion proposal to pay for education, highway, and job creation programs for cities from El Paso to Brownsville, including Edinburg.

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— City of Edinburg

Paul Cowan, chief of staff for Sen. Eddie Lucio, goes over the legislative agenda for Edinburg and the UTPA that is being promoted by the Edinburg City Council. Edinburg and UTPA leaders are pushing for the creation of a Texas Tech law school and University of Texas pharmacy school branch campuses, as well as a 10,000 seat Special Events Center at UTPA. Featured are, from left, Leon Belila, Cowan, Ramesh Srinivasan, the associate director for COSERVE, and Edinburg Mayor Joe Ochoa.

Clinton pledges to defer, forgive Honduran, Nicaraguan debt

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

MANAGUA – President Clinton kicked off a four-nation Central American tour by pledging to "forgive or defer" the debts of Nicaragua and Honduras.

The gesture is part of a U.S. aid package unveiled by Clinton as the region struggles to recover from the violent storm that ravaged Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala last October.

Hurricane Mitch, the worst natural disaster to hit Central America, left some 26,000 dead and missing, 2.3 million homeless and caused about \$7 billion in damages.

"To help you focus on reviving your economy, my aid package would forgive or defer much of Nicaragua's and Honduras's debts to our government," Clinton told a crowd in Posoltega, a region 76 miles north of Managua. Nicaragua owes the United States \$6 billion.

Clinton has asked Congress to authorize an additional \$956 million in emergency aid for Central America, which would bring the total of U.S. aid to the devastated region to \$1.26 billion.

Clinton's trip to the region coincides with a decision by his administration to reinstate deportation of illegal immigrants from El Salvador and Guatemala in a move that could affect about 280,000 people.

The deportations were suspended following Hurricane Mitch in a gesture of solidarity with the ailing economies of the region.

Salvadorans form the biggest Central American community in the U.S., comprising around 1.2 million of the total of around three million.

Guatemalan President Alvaro Arzu said in a protest letter to Clinton that the decision was "difficult" to understand while outgoing El Salvador President Armando Calderon expressed dismay.

Clinton took part in a Central American summit focusing on reconstruction and development of the region whose economies were disastrously affected by Hurricane Mitch.

Trade and Central America's growing debts will be high on the agenda as will be the issue of immigration to the United States.

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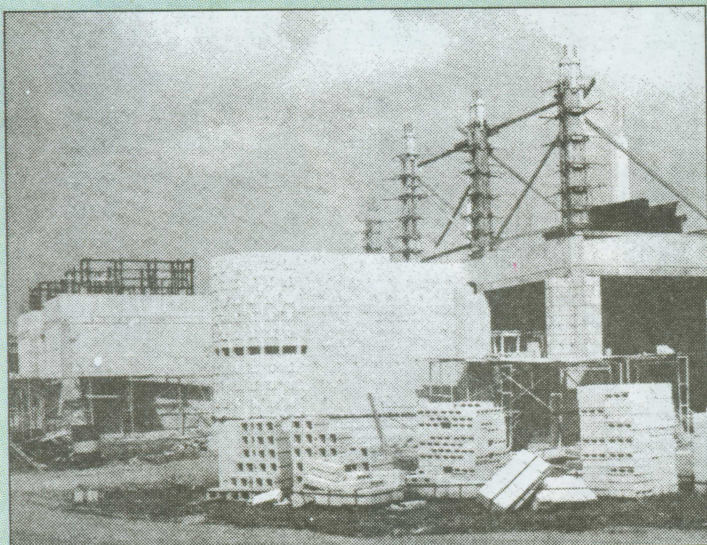
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What Year?



This was the year when PAC was getting a new Science building. Construction of the new building was hampered by the effects of Hurricane Beulah. Can anyone guess the year? (Answer at the end of column)

Looking Back . . .

From the files of *The Pan American*

compiled by Stan Hernandez

5 Years Ago

March 3, 1994 – One of America's most renowned Chicana writers will read from her works next week at UTPA as part of the Visiting Author series. Writer and poet Sandra Cisneros, who resides in San Antonio, will speak during activity period at the Fine Arts Auditorium.

10 Years Ago

March 16, 1989 – Southern rockers Little Feet and the heavy-metal band Vixen are the featured performers at the annual spring break concert at Isla Blanca Park on South Padre Island. The concert, which is free and open to the public, begins at noon.

15 Years Ago

March 22, 1984 – The University Center Program Council will sponsor country music singer George Strait in concert at the PAU Fieldhouse. Opening for Strait will be James and Michael Younger who are originally from Edinburg.

20 Years Ago

March 22, 1979 – One of the least known sports on the PAU campus is horsemanship. Carol Ann LeMaster, is spreading her knowledge here by teaching PAU students basic equitation (horsemanship). She instructs the course which is worth 2 hours of P.E. It is taught during the fall and spring semesters.

25 Years Ago

March 27, 1974 – Governor - Hopeful Frances "Sissy" Farenthold will be on campus April 1. Pan Am is Mrs. Farenthold's main stop in a whirlwind Valley-wide campaign for governor. She will speak on subjects relevant to the university community.

30 Years Ago

March 25, 1969 – The federal Service Entrance Examinations will be given April 1. This exam will be given to seniors or college grads who wish to take it. Most professional and executive positions are filled by those who pass the exam.

(October 12, 1967)

UTPA Brown Bag Theater Launches first time directors

University Theater

UTPA student directors will display their first directing projects in this year's Brown Bag productions. Brown Bag productions are free to the public every Thursday from 12 to 1 pm in the Studio Theater located inside the Communication Arts and Sciences building. Audience members may bring lunch and are welcome to invite a friend to watch these first time directors.

The directing class, taught by Dr. Marian Monta, is filled with challenges for students pursuing a career in the entertainment field yet students' talents are arising weekly at the Studio Theater.

It is an interesting experience to watch as first time directors present their creative skills performed on stage and screen. Although it is fun to watch, the job of directing is not an easy one, according to one student. "It's hard to be

one step ahead of everyone else in the cast and crew. A full understanding of the project is necessary to communicate with them," said Jennifer (J.P.) Andrews, who is currently preparing her production. Jennifer is one of many directing students who are centralizing her talents in television and film.

The stage is also filled with anticipation as the lights go up to reveal a story. "I was very excited when presenting my play and delivering my message to the audience," recounted Javier Rivas, who recently presented his project. The hard work put into these directing experiences is highly rewarding to the students and is filled with learning experiences. "I learned that you have to know what the objective of each of the characters in the play is in order to know how to choose and work with your actors," he added.

NO WAGERING, PLEASE



—Jennifer Garcia

From left: Angie Serrato, Elsa Serrato, and Roel Guajardo share some quality time in a friendly game of cards. "We all study hard all day – playing cards together is relaxing."

'Analyze This' psychologically damaging

By **JOSH BEATY**
the Daily Texan

(U-WIRE) AUSTIN, Texas — The Italian mafia has fallen on hard times lately. With some recent high-profile arrests and the Disneyfication of Las Vegas, gangsters seem to have resorted to A&E specials and Hollywood projects for work. Whether in the cable series *The Sopranos* or the countless parodies of *The Godfather* and *Goodfellas* like Jane Austen's *Mafia!*, the once-feared underworld is being played for laughs. In the new comedy "Analyze This," however, the joke has grown old.

In what seems a requisite casting move, Robert DeNiro plays a mobster trying to cope with the stress of leading two families - one as a father, the other as a mob boss. When he has difficulty roughing up a snitch and pulling the trigger, he hires a psychiatrist (Billy Crystal) to help him regain his form. Of course, when his world of machismo collides with the emotionally sensitive realm of psychology, all sorts of comic character conflicts and unlikely role reversals predictably ensue.

Some of the moments are genuinely funny, mostly due to the genius of DeNiro. He has fun with a role with which he is commonly associated, playing his tough-guy persona with a self-awareness that allows him to provoke laughs even with lines that have become clichés. The script gives him plenty of opportunity to ham it up, but even in scenes in which he is required to sob uncontrollably, DeNiro never overplays it. Surprisingly, the script also gives him most of the punchlines,

all delivered with flawless timing.

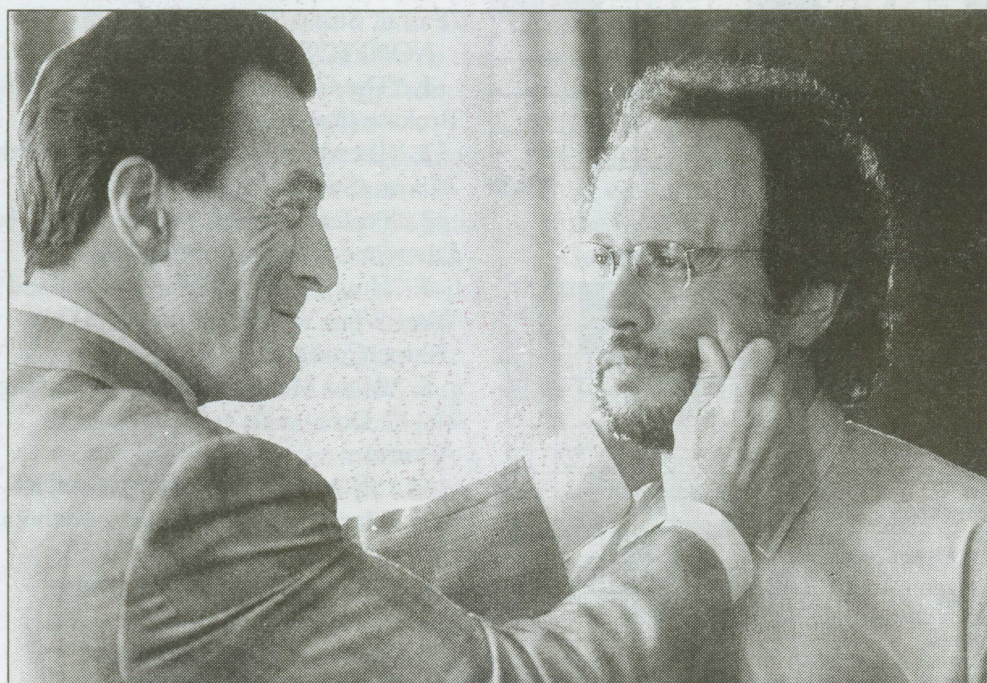
This leaves Crystal in the unusual role of the straight man, and, for the most part, it works because Crystal is at his funniest when he isn't trying. Toward the end, though, as he becomes more active and less reactive in the story, the humor grows strained and the comedy seems a little desperate. Lisa Kudrow is wasted as his fiancée; a little more of her and less of Crystal would have made things funnier.

Considering the script's pedigree, it's surprising that the weakest aspect of the film was not Crystal, but the writing. The story was conceived and written by Peter Tolan, one of the creators of *The Larry Sanders Show*, and Harold Ramis, the mastermind behind such great works as *SCTV*, *Ghostbusters* and *Groundhog Day*. While *Analyze This* generates laughs at a fairly decent rate, anyone who has seen Tolan's and Ramis' previous work (and who hasn't?) would expect nothing short of unceasing hilarity.

The blame lies squarely with the tired premise, done with more subtlety and laughs countless times before.

Psychology has been milked dry of humor the last fifty years, with no joke left unturned - a fixation most likely due to the writers' inability to gain the approval of their fathers.

The mafia material is slowly becoming nothing more than a series of clichés and stereotypes, so almost any related drama and comedy is a couple of decades too late (with the exception of any Scorsese film).



-CPX

Robert DeNiro and Billy Crystal yuk it up in "Analyze This."

Staff Profile



Shannon Petty

- Karla Quintanilla

Although Shannon Petty has only been at UTPA -18 months she has made her presence known. She is the first Student Health Coordinator and has created many new programs. "I enjoy teaching and interacting with students." New programs include skin care clinic, blood drives, STD clinics, "Don't Cancel That Class" and the Health Fair. "My goal is to help students achieve their wellness potential and be a great parent." The health education staff promotes positive behaviors through campus-wide presentations, dissemination of flyers, and health education consultations.

POSITION: Student Health Services Health Education Coordinator

YEARS AT UTPA: 18 months

YOUR KEY TO SUCCESS: Don't quit

TRAIT YOU ADMIRE IN A PERSON: Tenacity

TRAIT YOU LEAST ADMIRE: Laziness

WORDS YOU LIVE BY: Dare to be excellent

QUALITY MOST NECESSARY IN YOUR JOB: Creativity

USUAL STATE OF YOUR DESKTOP: Organized

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB: Interaction with students

WHAT YOU LIKE LEAST ABOUT YOUR JOB: Talking to a student and feeling like I did not help them at all

MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE THIS CENTURY: Mother Teresa

BEST ADVICE TO STUDENTS: Find a dream and pursue it

Horoscope

Aries (March 21-April 19) Love is definitely in the air today, and it might be very difficult for you to keep your mind on work. On the other hand, if you're working with someone you love, you're in luck. If you're not doing a job you love, this is the day to apply for one.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) If you do a little wheeling and dealing behind the scenes today, you could come up with a really good deal. This looks like something for your home, or perhaps it's real estate you're after.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) There have been so many changes lately, you may not know where you stand, but today you should be able to figure it out. It's in a pretty good position, most likely, with friends reaffirming their bonds with you.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) You'll have to stay on your toes to keep up with all the work today, but it ought to be interesting. It looks like you're attracting attention because of the magnificent job you're doing.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) You and your favorite playmate really ought to get this day off for good behavior, or just for the fun of it. You have so much to talk about, it could take up most of the day.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) There's still quite a lot of activity around your place, but it looks like the good kind. There are several indications that the changes you're making are for the better. Remind yourself of that if you're in the middle of a big mess.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Your imagination is working overtime, but it may be hard for you to see what's coming next. Where there used to be

scarcity, there will be abundance, and that concept should carry over into several categories — money, love and even work.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) This day should be challenging, exciting, adventurous and even fun. You're outnumbered, but don't let that slow you down one little bit. You're the brains behind the operation, and there doesn't have to be many people in that spot.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may feel almost compelled to make massive changes today, in yourself, your environment or maybe all of the above. Looks like you're metamorphosing. You're could be so different by tomorrow, you won't even recognize yourself.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're getting stronger, and it's about time. The last few days have been exciting, but also exhausting. You'll get a shot of new confidence as the moon goes into your sign, but you'll still have a couple of tough projects to complete.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Don't expect all your plans to go smoothly today. For example, something could turn out to be a lot more expensive than you thought it would be. In order to get it, you may have to go into debt.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) It's another excellent day to send out your resumes, put in your applications, talk with people who have the jobs you want. The odds are good you could get something even better than you dreamed possible, so take a leap of faith.

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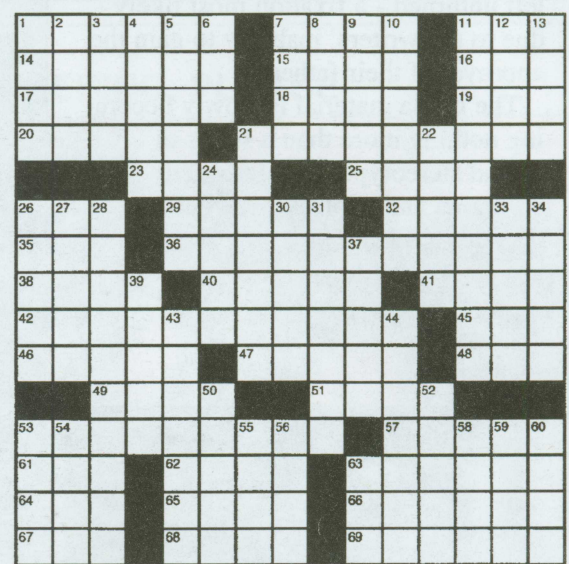
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 - Ultimatum phrase
 - Part of mph
 - Fencer's weapon
 - Rara avis

- DOWN**
- Pain in the neck
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 - Becomes weary
 - Grew molars
 - Slip up
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- Raise trivial objections
- Earhart and Bloomer
- Hamilton populace
- Soothing lotion
- Valley
- Flourish of trumpets
- Streisand film
- Put up
- Newly hatched stage
- Thai or Korean, e.g.
- Merchant
- Detection device
- Entry-level employee
- Neighbor of China
- Neighbor of Sudan
- ___ Island, NY
- Peals
- Transform



- Auk or murre
- Fabler of yore
- Exhorted
- Drop heavily
- Rob or Edmund
- Scooter starter?
- Decide not to swing
- Jamaican fruit
- Leaf home
- Deuce topper
- Thumbs down in a word

The TOP Five

FILMS

- "8mm," Sony
- "Payback," Paramount
- "The Other Sister," Disney
- "Message in a Bottle," Warner Bros.
- "My Favorite Martian," Disney (From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

HOT FIVE

- "Angel of Mine," Monica. Arista.
- "Believe," Cher. Warner Bros.
- "Heartbreak Hotel," Whitney Houston (feat. Faith Evans & Kelly Price). Arista.
- "Angel," Sarah McLachlan. Arista.
- "...Baby One More Time," Britney Spears. Jive.

ALBUMS

- "...Baby One More Time," Britney Spears. Jive.
- "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill," Lauryn Hill. Ruffhouse.
- "Americana," The Offspring. Columbia.
- "Wide Open Spaces," Dixie Chicks. Monument.
- "N Sync," 'N Sync. RCA. (From Billboard magazine)

Publisher's Weekly Best Selling Books

HARDCOVER FICTION

- "The Testament" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
- "Southern Cross" by Patricia Cornwell (Putnam)
- "Be Cool" by Elmore Leonard (Delacorte)
- "The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver (HarperFlamingo)
- "A Man In Full" by Tom Wolfe (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

- "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw (Random House)
- "Tuesdays With Morrie" by Mitch Albom (Doubleday)
- "Perfect Murder, Perfect Town" by Lawrence Schiller (HarperCollins)
- "How to Get What You Want and Want What You Have" by John Gray (HarperCollins)
- "Blind Man's Bluff" by S. Sontag and C. Drew with A. Drew. (Public Affairs)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

- "Message in a Bottle" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner Vision)
- "The Street Lawyer" by John Grisham (Dell/Island)
- "Black and Blue" by Anna Quindlen (Dell)
- "Dr. Atkins' New Diet Revolution" by Robert C. Atkins (Avon)
- "The Notebook" by Nicholas Sparks (Warner)

College senior wants to be mayor of New York town

College Press Exchange

NEW PALTZ, N.Y. – The walls of Russ Ferdico's campaign headquarters are adorned with old New Yorker magazine covers, impressionist art and posters of Budweiser babes. There's also a dartboard bearing a photo of Tom Nyquist, mayor of the village of New Paltz, N.Y., and arch-rival of the candidate. Ferdico is a senior at State University of New York at New Paltz who, at age of 23, wants to become the village's next mayor.

The race is shaping up to be the hottest one New Paltz has seen in years. While Ferdico's budget prevents him from conducting polls, he promises more voters will show up to vote than in the last six years. Not that that would be too hard to guarantee. In 1993, voter turnout was just 450 people. That figure dropped to a measly 34 voters in 1997.

As the March 16 election nears, Ferdico, a history major, is confident that the village of about 5,500 will support him and his platform of common sense, communication and consolidation.

He's depending on his buddy and campaign manager, 22-year-old Clark Whitsett, a junior at SUNY-New Paltz, to help him spread his message and

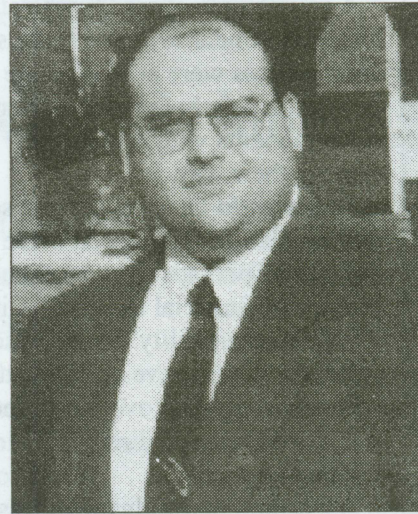
convince voters that he's not the clueless kid his opponent is making him out to be.

Ferdico moved from the Bronx to the New Paltz area in 1991 and decided he'd found a place he'd like to call home. He worked on projects concerning the university and got involved with the local government scene. Most recently, he landed a job as a paid political advisor to state Sen. Emanuel Gold while also taking 16 credit hours.

Ferdico was lobbying in Albany for lower tuition costs when he met Whitsett, who was reporting for the college newspaper. "I told him I was thinking of running for mayor," Ferdico said. "Clark's eyes got wide, and he said, 'You gotta let me help you!'"

Escalated into a vigorous and exhausting contest against Nyquist, who criticizes Ferdico's youth and his out-of-town background. The campaign has spun into the biggest challenge Nyquist has faced in years. Nyquist has held the \$10,000-a-year job for three four-year terms - two of which were unchallenged.

Ferdico, who expects to graduate in May, one month after the new mayoral term begins, acknowledges local sentiment that college students cause problems for the village's year-round resi-



— CPX

Russ Ferdico's platform is based on common sense, and communication.

dents. He readily admits that some college students bring binge drinking, rowdiness, crime and property destruction to town, but he suspects most of that trouble is actually caused by students living outside of New Paltz. He points to police logs that routinely display many out-of-towners' names after weekend festivities.

Ferdico is also bent on getting the student vote. So far, convincing students that they need to get involved in the political process has been like pulling teeth, Whitsett said.

If Ferdico wins, he won't be the only 23-year-old mayor in New York. Marc Molinaro was elected to the top post of Tivoli, N.Y., when he was 19. He's now also 23.

But if Ferdico loses, he says, in mock Swarzenagger, "I'll be back. I'm not giving up; I'll help these people. They're not rid of me."

Texas bill will end Affirmative action

College Press Exchange

AUSTIN, Texas – Ward Connerly, who led the fight to end affirmative action in California, joined Rep. Robert Talton, R-Pasadena, in his announcement of legislation to end racial preferences in Texas.

"Racism is alive and well, but if this nation is ever going to live out its creed of equal treatment for all people, it all begins with government treating everyone as equals," Connerly said.

Talton's bill, which echoes the wording of California's Proposition 209, prohibits discrimination or preferences based on race, color, sex, or ethnicity in public employment, public education, and public contracting.

Rene Olivera, D-Brownsville, chair of the Mexican American Caucus, said the bill brings the politics of divisiveness to the Texas Legislature.

Oliveira said Proposition 209 has led to reduced minority enrollment in California universities and severe misrepresentation of minorities in hiring and contracting.

"I do not wish for Mr. Connerly's vision of what failed in California to be part of our Texas," Oliveira said.

The legislation would eliminate programs designed to encourage contracts with minority and women-owned businesses.

Talton said the bill allows people to be judged based on their talents and capabilities, and not on the color of their skin, religion, national origin or gender. But Oliveira said because racial prejudices exists, historically disadvantaged groups need government support.

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Peña was the only Valley resident to address the Select Committee on Border Affairs, chaired by Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr., D-Brownsville. The Texas Border Infrastructure Committee is made up of elected and appointed leaders of Texas border counties and cities who are lobbying for the billion dollar list of projects.

But his main priority in Austin was to continue pushing the city's legislative agenda. His update to city leaders included the following developments: Negotiations are underway with the University of Texas System leadership to secure state funding for the proposed 10,000 seat UTPA Special Events Center.

Rep. Juan J. Hinojosa, D-Edinburg, wants UT leaders to fund a majority of the \$15 to \$20 million price tag for the facility, which would be the biggest entertainment complex in South Texas.

"Once the UT System commits to their funding contribution, Rep. Hinojosa will develop other sources of money to build the arena," said Councilmember Fred Longoria.

Almost \$3.5 million are being

sought for operating expenses at the UT Regional Academic Health Center (RAHC) Medical Research Facility. Scheduled to be open in three years, the UT System already has provided \$15 million for construction of the facility, which will be built on or next to the UTPA campus.

The complex, which will be the first of its kind in the nation, would allow scientists, scholars and students in Edinburg to come up with new medical advances to treat diseases such as diabetes and certain cancers that hit South Texans.

About \$6.4 million in state funding is being requested for professional schools, including a planned Texas Tech Law School branch campus, at UTPA. The law school satellite campus needs \$1 million in start-up and operating funds, and once open in the fall of 2000, would enroll 25 students every year from the Valley. The city is also pushing for the creation of a University of Texas pharmacy school branch campus at UTPA, as well as occupational therapy programs.

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Woods parts ways With Fluff Cowan

Associated Press

Tiger Woods fired caddie Mike "Fluff" Cowan on Monday, ending a highly successful 2-year partnership.

Cowan did not carry Woods' bag twice this year, at the Buick Invitational in San Diego, which Woods won, and at the Match Play Championship two weeks ago. Both times, Woods' high school friend, Byron Bell, was his caddie.

Bell, who is planning to attend medical school, was not interested in the job fulltime, so Woods hired Steve Williams, who has worked for Raymond Floyd the last 12 years, to replace Cowan.

"Fluff and I have discussed this over the past few weeks," Woods said in a statement released by International Management Group, which represents the world's top-ranked golfer. "We both feel it is in our best interest to part ways."

Observers noticed a tension between Woods and Cowan in recent tournaments in which Cowan caddied. Woods apparently began questioning Cowan's work habits and dedication.

Scholarships, from page 1

A mistake uncovered by the athletic department revealed some student-athletes were at or near the limit of their scholarships, leaving some students with no more aid coming their way.

"It seems to be apparent that some miscalculations have been made on the part of perhaps the compliance office and financial aid. I think it's a shared responsibility. Those miscalculations would have enabled student-athletes to be over-awarded," said Bronc athletic director Bill Weidner.

According to Weidner, the mistake was recently discovered and possibly occurred over a year ago. He also stated the athletic department would do what it could to help students with their situations.

Nonetheless, the news sent students looking for answers.

"We're not getting anymore money," said Lady Bronc guard Cara Steed. "They promised us money and now they tell us we might have to pick up some of the cost. You'd think they would have this kind of thing worked out."

The athletic department has suggested that those athletes living on

campus in private rooms to consider living with a roommate.

Seven current Bronc basketball players have lived on-campus in private rooms all year. They were shocked to hear the news.

"All I know is that an RA [resident assistant] told me we had to double up because there wasn't enough money and then we were told we were going to have to stay and work in the summer and pay back money we spent," said Bronc guard Charles Baker.

In the event a student is over-awarded he or she and the university would be in violation of NCAA rules and considered ineligible to participate in athletic events.

In no way would UTPA legally be able to pick up those costs.

The Pan American has also learned that letters from at least two attorneys have threatened legal action.

Some athletes are looking to parents to help with their situation.

"I can call my mom for money, but it won't be much because she has bills of her own to pay," said Bronc forward Larry Gibbs.

Lady Bronc Patty McCoy is a freshman volleyball player living off-campus. Currently, volleyball is not in season, but a part-time job to cover her rent expenses is out of the question because NCAA rules forbid freshman student-athletes from having a job.

"It would be pretty bad, but my parents said they would help me out the rest of the semester. I don't know what other athletes will do. It's just on top of what my parents have to worry about, this has to go along with it," said McCoy.

An athlete at UTPA that signs a full-scholarship has tuition, fees, use of books, and room and board costs paid for under the agreement.

"I think it should be noted that there are adjustments being made not reductions so as to ensure that all of our student-athletes are receiving exactly what they are supposed to according to NCAA rules and regulations," said Weidner.

Athletes are scheduled to meet with athletic department officials later this week to discuss options. If students receive more aid than their scholarship provides they are declared ineligible.



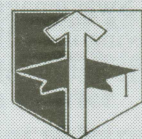
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Golfers can't find their Game in opening rounds

UTPA Sports Information

MISSION—Alejandra Gutierrez held fourth leading the Lady Broncs after the first two rounds of the Lady Bronc Classic held at The Club at Cimarron. She shot 161 in the 25-player field. Teammates Tootie Lauzon and Tracy Dominguez finished fifth and 10th respectively. Jamie McInturff and Jeannie Lane of UTPA tied for 15th as 20 mph south-east winds and stiff greens made play difficult.

Vicky Resnick of Sam Houston State beat the windy conditions shooting 83-74 to lead the tournament, but Lamar held team honors going into the Tuesday's final round.

Resnick's 157 total gave her a three-stroke advantage over Lamar's Janell Howland and Catrin Joyce, tied at 160.

Lamar shot 651 in the first 36 holes, leading Sam Houston State 654, UTPA 667 and Texas Lutheran 68.

The Men

Two Bronc golfers shot in the 90's while three others failed to break 80

on probably the most difficult golf course they will face this year in the first round of the University of New Orleans Collegiate Classic at the Oak Harbor Golf Club in New Orleans.

Manuel Inman led UTPA with an 82, tying him at 38th. Miguel De Los Santos and Luis Arechiga finished just behind Inman shooting 83 and 89 respectively.

Kevin Whitworth shot 90 while senior Toby Grubert also struggled, shooting 91 for the Broncs.

UTPA finished the first round 16th firing a 344, putting them ahead of Centenary College and Denver.

Zoltan Veress of Arkansas State fired a 71 Monday to become the only one of 96 golfers to break par. He held a three-stroke lead after the first round.

Jackson State put together a 312 total, thanks to Chris Register and Simon Smart who tied for fourth at 75, to lead the 18-team race by one stroke. Tulane and Arkansas State were tied at 313, followed by host New Orleans at 316.

Judge rules against NCAA

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A federal judge ruled Monday that the NCAA may not use a minimum test score to eliminate student-athletes from eligibility to play college sports because the practice is unfair to blacks.

District Judge Ronald L. Buckwalter cited the National Collegiate Athletic Association's own research showing that the practice harmed black students' chances of being declared academically eligible.

Four black student-athletes who were denied eligibility to take part in college sports challenged the rule, which is commonly known as Proposition 16.

"I'm glad the judge stood up and addressed what a lot of us know to be true." "We have been reacting to public perception rather than what was correct," said former Georgetown basketball coach John Thompson.

The NCAA had required that incoming freshmen have a minimum score of 820 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, no matter how high their high school grades were, in order to participate in college sports.

An NCAA attorney said the organization will seek a suspension of the judge's order "because at this point there is no rule at all" — which she called a disservice to student-athletes.

NCAA staff researchers had recommended a "sliding scale," in which test scores and grade-point averages in core academic courses would be given equal weight. That practice, she said, would achieve the NCAA's goal of raising graduation rates and would allow more blacks to be academically eligible.

In addition to ruling on test scores, the judge decided that the plaintiffs could sue the NCAA under the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1964. The U.S. Supreme Court had declined to rule on that question last month, but Buckwalter noted that the plaintiffs' lawyers in this case had presented a lot of information not given to the Supreme Court.

Rambis appears suited for Laker job

By MARK EMMONS
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — If the clothes in fact do make the man, then Kurt Rambis is making a unique fashion statement.

The casual wardrobe is symbolic of the loose atmosphere Rambis quickly has brought to the Lakers, transforming them from a team that, 10 days ago, acted as if the weight of the NBA world rode on their shoulders into a carefree, winning bunch.

"Before, it was like we were smothered under the L.A. smog and couldn't breathe," guard Steve Fisher said. "He's been a breath of fresh air. And he won't change. I think he could do this for 20 years and still be the same guy."

More than a week into his job as the acting Lakers' coach, he's still the same quirky, eccentric, self-deprecating Rambo. While he might not dress for success, the Lakers certainly are enjoying some. They're 5-0 under

Rambis and 6-0 since Del Harris was let go two weeks ago.

Yes, the surge probably has more to do with the arrival of Dennis Rodman. But Rambis clearly has made a connection with the Worm. He also has energized what had been a dispirited team. He has reached out for advice not only from players but people such as Magic Johnson. He has deftly juggled playing time and egos. So far, that's been what the Lakers have needed.

"Kurt," Shaquille O'Neal said, "is going to be a good one."

What has been interesting is how easily he seems to have adjusted to the role. He tries to downplay the promotion by describing it as simply moving over one seat on the bench, and so far he's registered only one real complaint.

"I'm spending more time with reporters than I do my wife," he said. "When they said, 'Do you want to coach the team?' I said, 'Sure.' But I didn't know I was going to have to do all these interviews."

Added Eddie Jones: "He's a fun-loving coach who likes to joke around with the guys, but we still respect him. We've gone from being a selfish team to be a totally unselfish team. I think you have to credit the coach for that."

Rambis wasn't about to turn down the position when it was offered. So now he refers to himself as the simply the next Lakers coach to be fired.

He also has made changes. As a player, he liked shorter, intense practices that held his attention. So that's what he's running as the coach.

During games thus far, he has shown an uncanny knack for pushing the right buttons. Rambis will instantly shelve a rotation if the players on the court are rolling.

"When everything is going right, he'll stick with those players," Fisher said. "Because Kurt played the game, he has a great feel."

The resurgence probably can be traced back to Rodman.

"Guys like him can be a coach's best friend," said Jerry West, the Lakers

executive vice president. "And watching him interact with Kurt, if I were a coach, I would think that's a very, very positive thing."

Perhaps part of the reason West hasn't jumped on the Rambis bandwagon yet is because the specter of Phil Jackson still hangs over this franchise. Owner Jerry Buss has made it clear the coaching job will be opened after the summer and that all options will be considered.

Rambis likely will have to travel deep into the playoffs to strip the unofficial "temporary" tag from his title.

"I'm definitely going to make mistakes," Rambis said. "I'm just going to have to learn from them. I've always felt that it's OK to make mistakes as long as you learn something. It's when you keep repeating mistakes is when you get in trouble."

Maybe he'll even be around long enough to buy some more clothes.

McNair in the market For an NFL franchise

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston businessman Bob McNair isn't waiting on the NFL pick a home for the league's next expansion team. He's taking matters into his own hands.

McNair mailed letters Friday to eight franchises he believes could possibly go up for sale to let their owners know he's interested in buying a team and moving it to Houston.

The letters were sent to Chicago, Philadelphia, Indianapolis, Arizona, Oakland, Minneapolis, Buffalo and New England, Houston television station KRIV reported.

McNair noted those teams have older stadiums and may not have local support for new ones.

"Without a new stadium, they can't compete. So I think it might be compelling for some of those owners," he said.

McNair said his efforts to buy an existing franchise do not diminish his confidence that he can beat out two groups from Los Angeles that are competing for the expansion team.

NFL owners are expected to vote on adding a 32nd franchise when they meet in Phoenix March 14-18. Commissioner Paul Tagliabue has called it "a very close race" between L.A. and Houston, noting both markets have fan interest, large populations and television appeal.

Let her rip...



UTPA freshman Glenda Saenz hits one in the outfield as Intramural softball began their spring tournament on Monday.

Intramural Rec-Sports is holding women's, co-ed, and men's tournaments. The men and women began on Tuesday.

The tournament winners will have the opportunity to compete in tournaments representing UTPA.

Softball is the seventh event held on the intramural schedule with three other events to follow.

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